PATENT APPLICATION



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the Application of

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Application No.: 10/764,460

Filed:

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Docket No.: 118437

For:

HEAD SLIDER, HEAD GIMBAL ASSEMBLY, AND HARD DISK DRIVE

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS WITH DECLARATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted (copy attached) mailed on June 14, 2004, submitted herewith is the Combined executed Declaration and Power of Attorney of the inventors. Any necessary Designation of Ten Attorneys for Power of Attorney or Transmittal of Power of Attorney and Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) is also attached. Any specification attached to and referenced in the Declaration is a copy of the specification and any amendments thereto which were filed in the Office in order to obtain a filing date for the application.

Attached is our Check No. 157206 for $\times 130.00 $\times 65.00 (entitlement to small entity status is asserted) for the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(e).

Entry of these documents should complete all of the filing formalities and fully satisfy all requirements of the Notice to File Missing Parts. Accordingly, examination and allowance of this application in due course are respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this paper are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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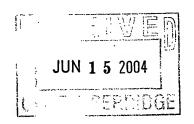
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing. A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity

• \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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A copy of this notice <u>MUST</u> be returned with the reply.

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